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SUBJECT RADICALS RELEASED IN CORDOBA

REF: BUENOS AIRES 8992

1. NEARLY ALL THE 83 YOUNG MEMBERS OF THE RADICAL PARTY WHO WERE DETAINED BY THE POLICE IN CORDOBA OVER A WEEK AGO FOR HOLDING A POLITICAL MEETING HAVE BEEN RELEASED, IT HAS BEEN REVEALED. A SMALL NUMBER OF THEM ARE STILL BEING HELD. THOSE RELEASED WERE RESIDENTS OF CORDOBA WHOSE POLICE FILES WERE READILY AVAILABLE TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES. THOSE STILL HELD WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THEIR FILES ARE CHECKED OUT BEFORE THEY ARE LET GO, AUTHORITIES IN CORDOBA HAVE INFORMED THE PRESS.

2. THE EARLY RELEASE OF THE RADICAL PARTY MEMEBERS SUGGESTS TO US THAT CORDOBA MILITARY AUTHORITIES ARE SATISFIED THAT THE UCRP YOUTH SWOOPED UP IN THE DRAGNET WERE NOT PLOTTING TERRORIST CONNECTED ACTIVITIES. GIVEN THIS DEVELOPMENT, WE SUSPECT THAT, RATHER THAN THE YOUTH ANGLE (SEE REFTEL), THE PRINCIPAL FACTOR IN THE CORDOBA ARRESTS IS THAT THIRD ARMY CORPS COMMANDER GENERAL
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MENENDEZ TAKES A HARDER LINE CONSTRUCTION OF WHAT IS PERMISSABLE

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ACTIVITY THAN HIS COLLEAGUE, GENERAL GALTIERI, IN ROSARIO, WHERE POLITICIANS HAVE GOTTEN AWAY WITH SIMILAR GET TOGETHERS WITHOUT POLICE INTERFERENCES.
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